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Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Quite apart from the question of the mill authorities calling for tenders, will the Government hereafter at least consider the desirability of calling for tenders ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Yes, Sir, I shall consider."

Proposed selling of Government interest in the Carnatic Paper Mills.

* 698-B Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) when and why the Government resolved to sell their interest in the Carnatic Paper Mills ;

(b) whether the Government have informed the shareholders of any such intention on their part ;

(c) whether the Government have issued any notice to general public that they intend to sell their interest in the mills ; and

(d) if the answer to clause (b) or (c) is in the affirmative, when any such notice was given ?

A.—(a) The matter is under consideration.

(b) & (d) Notice has been served on the Mills on the 2nd October 1928.

(c) No.

Negotiations for selling the Carnatic Paper Mills.

* 698-C Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the negotiations for selling the Carnatic Paper Mills stand at present ; and

(b) the terms of such sale ?

A.—(a) & (b) The question of sale can only be considered in the event of failure of the company to pay up their dues to Government.

Alleged agreement with European firms about the transfer of the mortgage bond of the Carnatic Paper Mills.

* 699 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have entered into an agreement with some European firm through an Indian gentleman to transfer the mortgage bond of the Carnatic Paper Mills for certain amount ;

(b) what the names of the European firm and Indian gentleman are ;

(c) when the proposal was made and by whom ;

(d) when it was accepted ;

(e) what the amount is and when it is to be paid and by whom ;

(f) whether the interests of the shareholders are safeguarded in any manner ;

(g) if so, in what manner ; and

(h) whether a copy of the agreement will be placed on the Council table ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) to (h) Do not arise.